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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TOSHIYA MATSUBARA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: T. TRAN
SERIAL NO: 09/867,462 :
FILED: MAY 31, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1711
FOR: HOLLOW GLASS MICROSPHERES :
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE
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AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claims 2 and 6, respectively. In so doing, the language of original Claims 2 and 6 has been amended for clarity. Claims 2 and 6 have been canceled. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to depend from Claim 1. Claims 4 and 8 have been amended to make minor grammatical changes. No new matter is believed to have been added to this application by these amendments.